



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Daniel J. KESSLER

Group Art Unit: 2837

Application No.: 10/626,563

Examiner: K. LOCKETT

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Docket No.: 109889

For: MUSIC INSTRUMENT COVER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 30, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-13, 15-16, 18, 20, 22 and 24-26 are pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 18, 20, 22 and 24-26, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11-13 and 16.

The Office Action rejects claims 10 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP-A-2003-29742 ("Kobayashi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 10 recites, *inter alia*, that a front portion of an instrument cover extends over substantially an entire front surface of a stringed instrument body and is between (a) the stringed instrument body and (b) a string of the stringed instrument body. Kobayashi does not disclose these features.

The Office Action appears to treat Kobayashi's element 50 as the "instrument cover." From Fig. 3 of Kobayashi, it is clear that element 50 is not between the instrument body and